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Legislature is in session those things which are important to them and to us. That they see first hand what goes on in the Legislature. But as to timing etc., I have not visited with anyone in that department up to now.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Then Mr. Chairman, if I may I would like to ask Senator Marvel a question, if I may.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel yield?

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Marvel, in your working with the department and preparing the budget for the next year as you do every year. Has the ETV commission come to you and said, Senator Marvel we do not have enough funds in our budget to present to the people of Nebraska what we think needs to be presented. We are having to cut out things that might be important, and should be put on but we do not have the funds to operate. Have they made this request to you?

SENATOR MARVEL: No, sir. The ETV Commission of course is constantly asking for more money. We argue with the ETV Commission in the fact that their original function was supposed to provide supplemental education to the school system. And they have changed their priorities, whether they are right or wrong, I'm just saying they have changed their priorities over what they asked..what they promised what they would do when they asked some of us to write to the FCC in Washington and help them to reserve commercial channels for educational television and when we called them on their priorities they said in affect, well schools won't pay for this education, so the Legislature, as I recall two years put up roughly half a million dollars. We have in my opinion done a good job of.

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funding their budget. And are trying to encourage them to go back to their original priorities, and that is to use TV as an educational tool, especially for students. But specifically when you are talking about the question that you pose. The answer is, no Sir. No, Sir, they have not protested that this Legislature has been niggardly in providing funds so that they can operate. Now was that your basic question?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Yes, that was my basic question, and I'd like to ask you one more, if I may. In your opinion would you think that an additional thirty minutes, if the Legislature so would request it from the commission for the programing of the Legislative procedure would be referring or getting back to the original intent of the ETV network. In presenting a little more of educational programing and if so, would it in your opinion the present funding be adequate to do this.

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes, Sir. There has been no indication that I know of that has indicated that they have a lack of funds which necessitates cutting down on our exposure here.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.